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FOR OES/APT/BMP:WJWALSH, III

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TAGS: TBIO, CA
SUBJECT: RECOMBINANT DNA: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REF: UNNUMBERED AND UNDATED AIRGRAM FROM DEPARTMENT ON ABOVE SUBJECT DRAFTED BY OES/APT/BMP:WJWALSH,III

DR. F.S. ROLLESTON, MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS TO STATEMENT ON CANADA IN REF AIRGRAM:

PARAGRAPH ONE: BEGIN TEXT. IN FEBRUARY 1977 THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (MRC) RELEASED GUIDELINES FOR THE HANDLING OF RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES AND ANIMAL VIRUSES AND CELLS. THESE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS BY THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, AND THE CONSEIL DE RECHERCHES EN SANTE DU QUEBEC. MEANS ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR EXTENDING THE GUIDELINES TO OTHER SECTORS. END TEXT.

NEW PARAGRAPH TWO: BEGIN TEXT. THE CANADIAN GUIDELINES GO BEYOND THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE USA AND THE UK IN THAT THEY SPECIFY CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES AND FACILITIES FOR
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WORK INVOLVING ANIMAL VIRUSES AND CELLS AS WELL AS FOR RECOMBINANT DNA. WITH RESPECT TO WORK INVOLVING RECOMBINANT DNA, THE CANADIAN GUIDELINES ARE BROADLY SIMILAR TO THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE USA AND THE UK, DIFFERING IN MINOR DETAILS SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF CONTAINMENT LEVELS DESCRIBED (SIX ARE DESCRIBED IN THE CANADIAN GUIDELINES, WHEREAS THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GUIDELINES DESCRIBE

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FOUR). END TEXT.
PARAGRAPH THREE: NO CHANGE.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: NO CHANGE.

PARAGRAPH FIVE: BEGIN TEXT: THE THIRD LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH THE MRC. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MRC DETERMINE THE CONTAINMENT LEVEL REQUIRED FOR THE RESEARCH BEING PERFORMED, ASSIST THE BIOHAZARDS COMMITTEE TO FUNCTION AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, MONITOR THE GUIDELINES IN TERMS OF MAKING REVISIONS, MONITOR THE BIOHAZARDS COMMITTEES, CERTIFY HOST-VECTOR SYSTEMS, AND REVIEW ALL REPORTS OF ILL HEALTH THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE DUE TO THIS WORK. TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION FOR WORK SUPPORTED BY THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, AN MRC BIOHAZARDS COMMITTEE IS BEING FORMED. THIS WILL CONSIST OF FIVE LAY PERSONS AND FOUR SCIENTISTS, AND THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE LAY MEMBERS. END TEXT. ENDERS

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